

## SMASHING BLOW AT MUTUAL LIFE

Policyholders' Committee Accept Challenge and Produce Letters.

ANDY FIELDS SENT \$6,000

Disclosures Expected to Nullify Plan to Make Mr. McClintock President.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
NEW YORK, August 17.—A smashing blow at the present management of the Mutual Life Insurance Company was struck by the International Policyholders' Committee yesterday, when it not only accepted Vice-President Emory McClintock's bold challenge to substantiate its charge that he had ordered the company's lobbyist to kill legislation, but produced original letters written by Mr. McClintock, in which he ordered that a bill favorable to the policyholders be killed.

The Telegram.  
Not only this, but the Policyholders' Committee produced the original of a telegram sent to the same legislative agent, whom Mr. McClintock had directed to kill the bill. This telegram was signed "General," which, it is said, was the code signature used by Andrew C. Fields, who disbursed the Mutual's "yellow dog" funds. This telegram, sent when the fight on the policyholders' bill was hottest, was as follows:

New York, March 12, 1936.  
W. J. Holden, No. 439 Tremont Building:

I have mailed you draft for six on Boston to-day.

GENERAL.  
This meant, according to the Policyholders' Committee, that Fields sent Holden, the Mutual Life's salaried legislative agent in Massachusetts, \$6,000, to be used in bringing about the legislative action ordered by Mr. McClintock.

The effect of the disclosures of Vice-President McClintock's legislative activities is expected to be wide-reaching. It developed yesterday that H. H. Rogers has been grooming Mr. McClintock for the presidency of the Mutual plan to elect him in the event of the success of the "administration ticket" at the forthcoming election. President Peabody has announced that he would not serve another term. To maintain a semblance of reform, it is believed that Mr. McClintock will have to change his plan of putting Mr. McClintock in Peabody's place.

Challenge Straightly Met.

Friends of Mr. McClintock, when they learned of his letters to Holden, were amazed at the statements he made in the challenge to the Policyholders' Committee, which made the original charge against him through its counsel, Samuel Untermeyer.

"He must either produce the alleged correspondence or part of it, or accept the verdict which renders of this challenge of mine will not fail to render. A charge of this sort either has a base which can be specified or is a malignant slander."

The Policyholders' Committee didn't produce any copies of letters or parts of a letter, but a great bundle of original documents, the letters being in the handwriting of Mr. McClintock himself. The letters, also a batch of telegrams signed by Mr. McClintock, were addressed to Holden, the legislative agent. How the Policyholders' Committee got possession of the correspondence is not known. Holden is no longer employed by the Mutual.

Complaints Served.

(By Associated Press.)  
NEW YORK, August 17.—Complaints in suits involving an accounting of sums aggregating several million dollars were served by the Mutual Life Insurance Company to-day upon three of its former trustees—Robert O'Shaughnessy, C. C. Holden and Charles E. Miller—who constituted the expenditures committee of the McCurdy administration. A fourth action has been begun against the estate of the late Jacob Hobart Herriek. This court is to compel the former trustee to account to the company for all the moneys received by them and for all expenditures or disbursements made or permitted to be made by them.

Dirty Street Cars.

(By Associated Press.)  
CHICAGO, August 17.—Suits brought by the city of Chicago against the Chicago Union Traction Company because of the filthy condition of street cars owned by that company was yesterday decided in favor of the city. A penalty of \$100 was mentioned in the verdict of the jury. Thirty or more similar cases are pending against the street car company.



## WOMEN RISK LIVES IN BARGAIN DAY STRUGGLE

In a Mad Rush to Buy Dishpans Two Are Fatally Injured.

ST. JOSEPH, MO., August 17.—Bargain day has at last justified the quip of the chronic humorists, and has ended in tragedy. At a sale of dishpans here Wednesday, 1,000 women jammed themselves so closely together in a small store that the horrors of the black hole of Calcutta were repeated. Two of them were fatally and seven others dangerously injured in the panic-stricken struggle for fresh air.

The store which stands at the corner of Seventh and Felix Streets, had announced a sale of kitchen utensils at enthralling reductions in price, and before it opened for business Wednesday morning hundreds of women were waiting on the sidewalk for first chance at the bargain. When the doors were unlocked there was a mad rush for the interior. A flying wedge of women, huddled themselves at the entrance, shrieking, scuffling and pulling each other's hair. The place was carried by storm, and a plateglass front window was smashed by a crowd.

The proprietor then sent in a riot call, but the policeman who responded to it was not able to restore order among the mob of housewives, passionate in their desire to save a few pennies on the dollars. The store was soon packed with customers, while the women on the outside fought to squeeze themselves into the jam. The temperature inside the store rose to 36 degrees, and the air soon became vitiated. Then the terror broke loose.

There was only one means of egress, and the aisles leading to it were soon blocked with prostrate, fainting women. Those who were strong enough to keep on their feet and fight toward the door, trampled the weaker ones ruthlessly under foot. Terrible screams were heard out in the street. Blows were struck and clothes were rent; the women fought like animals.

Another squad of policemen was called to the work of rescue. Twelve young medical students volunteered their services, and cared for the injured. More than half an hour was required to clear the store, during which time an unconscious woman was carried out every minute.

## RICH GIRL GIVES GEMS TO POOR: BECOMES NUN

A Kentucky Millionaire's Young Daughter Tires of Worldly Life Quickly.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
CINCINNATI, August 17.—Miss Celeste O'Shaughnessy, daughter of Peter O'Shaughnessy, millionaire of Newport, Ky., tired of worldly life just as she was on the threshold of it, and has entered Mount St. Martin's Convent.

Closest friends of Miss O'Shaughnessy were surprised at her action. She is accomplished, beautiful and a social favorite. She was graduated from the Immaculate Academy and from the Academy of Notre Dame.

To-day she called in her intimate friends and relatives, gave them her jewelry with instructions that they or the proceeds of their sale be distributed among the poor, had each good-bye, and was driven in a closed carriage to Mount St. Martin's Convent.

Inquiries at the home for a motive for her act elicited only the fact that she yearned for the atmosphere in which she had been educated.

"It was the call of the convent, and she answered it," relatives said.

## LITTLEFIELD NOW FACED BY A STRONG COMBINATION



SAMUEL GOMPERS, Who Will Make the First Speech To-morrow in Mr. Littlefield's District to Prevent His Re-election.

## GOMPERS WILL ANSWER CANNON

Refuses, However, to Talk on the Subject Until He Has Made Preparation.

## CONFERS ON LABOR MATTERS

Will Make Series of Speeches in Opposition to Littlefield's Re-election.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
BOSTON, August 17.—President Samuel Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor, asked if he would reply to the references made to him by Speaker Cannon in his speech at Danville, Ill., said: "I shall not answer Mr. Cannon now. I shall do it later, in the course of the campaign, as soon as I can get to it. I am here in transit, on my way to Maine."

"Mr. Cannon's remarks evidently were made in a prepared speech, and I do not care to reply in such a hasty, offhand manner as would be necessary if I were to talk on the subject now."

President Gompers conferred with some men on labor matters this morning, and this noon he left for Lewiston, where on Saturday evening he will speak at the opening of the campaign in opposition to the re-election of Congressman Littlefield.

President Gompers will, in addition to the Lewiston address, make six speeches in Littlefield's district, beginning next Monday night at Rumford Falls and continuing each successive night at Livermore Falls, Waldoboro, Rockland and Vinal Haven. He will also make noon-hour talks at these places.

## CHELSEA BANK CLOSES DOORS

President Owes Nearly \$500,000 and Is Fatally Ill at Home.

(By Associated Press.)  
CHELSEA, MASS., August 17.—Following the official information given by Bank Examiner Ewer to the Comptroller of the Currency at Washington, that the failure of the First National Bank of Chelsea, the doors of which were closed last night, was due to excessive loans made to officers and directors of the bank, it became understood to-day that the principal factor in the suspension of the bank was a large indebtedness on the part of its president, Sylvester B. Hinckley. This indebtedness is unofficially estimated at from \$300,000 to \$500,000, but statements made to-day by directors of the bank indicate that it is much larger.

Hinckley, who was in charge of the bank, was transferred to the institution his equity in large real estate holdings, which, it was expected, would provide for the payment in full of all depositors. President Hinckley is said to be fatally ill at his home in Newton.

Developments to-day indicated that Mr. Hinckley was involved in extensive real estate transactions, from which he expected to realize splendid profits for the bank, as well as for himself. The failure of his plans, in connection with his illness, as well as dissatisfaction with the part of at least one of the directors with the nature of some of the papers placed with the bank as collateral, accounts for the closing of the bank.

Examiner Ewer having been appointed temporarily receiver by the comptroller, was in charge of the bank to-day, with an assigned corps of clerks was busily engaged upon the accounts of the institution. Late to-day he was unable to intimate when he should be able to report further to his chief at Washington.

Director Martin, who is said to be responsible for the investigation which closed the First National Bank of Chelsea, said to-day that he had discovered things which led him to make an investigation. As a result of it, he obtained from President Hinckley the title for the bank in certain real estate held in the Back Bay and Brighton sections by Mr. Hinckley. When pressed for a statement as to what in particular attracted his notice, Mr. Martin said that paper which he did not consider genuine commercial paper, was being handled. When asked if this paper was signed by fictitious names, Mr. Martin said: "There are some papers there that are very doubtful."

Mr. Martin says the bank has sufficient equity in the Hinckley property to pay all depositors in full.

Herrera Beaten.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., August 17.—Charles Neary to-night won over Aurelio Herrera in the seventh round, Herrera throwing up the sponge.

Lewis-MacArthur.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
LUMBERTON, N. C., August 17.—Mr. R. E. Lewis and Miss Mary MacArthur were married at the home of the bride's parents, near here, yesterday afternoon at 2:30. The bride and groom are two of the most popular and well known young people of this section.

## Interesting Analysis of the Great Political Fight to Be Started To-morrow.

WASHINGTON, August 17.—The whirlwind campaign of organized labor and the Democratic party in the Second Maine District will open to-morrow, when President Samuel Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor, will make his first speech.

On the face of the returns from elections in which Mr. Littlefield has figured as a candidate he would seem to have a decided advantage.

In 1928 he was elected to fill a vacancy, and received nearly all the votes. Taking the elections in which he has run the figures have been:

Year.	Republican vote.	Democratic vote.
1928	11,624	4,738
1930	12,215	11,429
1932	17,297	11,739
1934	19,200	13,787

Chances for Labor Party.

Analysis of the situation in that district suggests that labor may have a good chance of defeating Littlefield. In the first place, Mr. Littlefield has been, on the whole, distinctly losing the popularity from the beginning of his service in Congress. With the great Roosevelt tide in his favor he was elected in 1934 by only 6,882 plurality, while in 1930 he had had 7,786 plurality. The decrease has been steady from his first election. Not only this, but there is a growing Socialist vote in the district, which is reported pretty certain to fuse substantially with the Democrats this year as against Littlefield. If it does, his lead will be cut down about 700.

The district is strong in labor organizations, which are determined to elect him. It is said by all reports from Maine that the enthusiasm in the movement is well-nigh universal among the organizations.

Has Become a Boss.

This is not all. Littlefield is one of the State bosses; perhaps the most powerful of them, the veteran senators having in a way relinquished the reins of State power to him.

He is a vigorous prohibitionist, and the prohibition sentiment is a live one in the Pine Tree State. He is also the largest towns, containing the most ardent anti-prohibition sentiment, are mainly in Littlefield's district. He will lose many votes on this issue, and more on the labor issue.

But it is claimed by his supporters on the other side that he is the only one of his kind in the State.

Its strength is usually about the same as that of the Socialists. This year they are expected to vote chiefly for Littlefield. This access will about offset the gain the Democrats expect to make by annexing the Socialist strength.

Batteries Against Cannon.

The Maine election will be on September 10th. Report is that the anti-Littlefield fight should win the organizations, with this added prestige, will transplant their batteries to the Cannon district in Illinois, and proceed to make trouble for the Speaker of the House.

## A CLOUDBURST IN RAPPAHANNOCK

Torrents Pour Down Mountain-side With Irresistible Rush.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
LURAY, VA., August 17.—Speeryville, Rappahannock county, fourteen miles east of Luray, suffered great damage this morning from a cloudburst. The water came down from the mountain in torrents and all bridges in that section have been washed away.

No lives have been lost as far as known, though reports from the mountain indicate that many of the houses have been carried away by the flood.

Many narrow escapes are reported.

## POLICE EXONERATED OF KILLING WOMAN

While Under Arrest Snatches Pistol from One Officer to Shoot Another.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
NEWPORT NEWS, VA., August 17.—The Police Board to-night exonerated Detective Sergeant J. W. Woodward and Patrolman Sam Pearson of blame in connection with the killing of Emma Carroll, a mulatto woman, in the jail yard last night.

The woman, who was being taken to the station in the patrol wagon on a charge of larceny, was shot by Woodward from his hip pocket and attempted to shoot Woodward. Pearson seized her arms and the gun was discharged, the ball entering the woman's breast, and killing her almost instantly.

A coroner's jury found the negroes killed herself, but because of remarks made on the street to-day, Chief Reynolds asked for an investigation.

In a letter for her mother, Fannie Valentine, of Norfolk, the woman declared her intention of committing suicide. She was an opium and cocaine addict.

Negroes Celebrate.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
HARRISBURG, Pa., August 17.—The second annual meeting of the Negroes, whose purpose is to promote equality of the races, to-day continued its session at Storrs College, the feature of the proceedings being a tribute to the memory of John Brown and the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the battle of Gettysburg.

REPRESENTATIVE LITTLEFIELD.

## BOY HIGHWAYMEN CONFESS CRIMES

Coolly Admit That They Committed Series of Hold-Ups in San Francisco.

## SHOT ONE MAN TO DEATH

Leader of Youthful Gang Is But Sixteen Years Old—All Very Young.

(By Associated Press.)  
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., August 17.—With a coolness and nonchalance that amazed the police, Fred Peterson, William Mears, Walter Westwood and Frank McAdams, four youths still in their teens, last night confessed that they are the quartette that committed the series of hold-ups which culminated in the killing of Fred Mullineux on the Ocean Boulevard last Sunday night.

Peterson, who is but seventeen years old, admitted that he fired the shot that killed Mullineux when the latter resisted robbery.

McAdams, eighteen years old, was arrested Wednesday, and after being subjected to a most severe examination, broke down and admitted he was one of the quartette and gave the names of the other three.

Peterson last night told in minute detail of the robbery of four persons an hour before the murder of Mullineux, and a hold-up on the boulevard the night previous.

Westwood, the acknowledged leader of the youthful gang, is but sixteen years old, and lived with his mother and stepfather, Patrick Ryan.

He admitted that he was the gunholder in the other robberies, and that it was Peterson's turn when Mullineux was shot up.

Mears is eighteen years old.

## DRAW LITTLE NOTICE.

Mendoza's Charges Against the Colombian President.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
WASHINGTON, August 17.—Charges of treason and dishonesty made against President Reyes, of Colombia, by Diego Mendoza, former minister to this country to the United States, in an open letter just made public in New York, have attracted but little attention in Washington. The Colombian negotiator, who is said to be a diplomatist, and other officials in high position, it became known that the relations between Colombia and the United States were becoming more friendly.

The charges have not been brought to the notice of the State Department in any official manner and it is not believed they will, as Mr. Mendoza stands in the light of a diplomatist disgraced because of his failure to settle differences between Colombia and the United States and his consequent removal from the Washington mission by President Reyes.

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White People of Texas Will Not Allow Negro Troops to Leave Garrison.

## THE PRESIDENT TAKES ACTION

Orders Immediate Investigation and Report—Offenders to Be Punished.

(By Associated Press.)

HOUSTON, TEX., August 17.—A special from Brownsville says the citizen's guard still stations between Fort Brown and the city of Brownsville, keeping the negro soldiers within barracks. Aside from the feeling of animosity the town is quiet.

The citizens have been informed that General McAnaney, commander of the Department of Texas, will have immediate steps to relieve the situation.

Advices from Austin are to the effect that considerable excitement prevails there, and a movement is talked of to organize an armed force of citizens to go to Brownsville to assist in feeding the negro troops withdrawn from the city. Adjutant General Penland says he considers it very unwise to send State troops to Brownsville. The troops are considerably wrought up over what they consider an outrage, and it is believed they were sent there they could not be controlled.

Appeal to President.

OYSTER BAY, L. I., August 17.—The message from a committee of citizens of Brownsville, Texas, requesting that the negro troops who committed an outrage there last Monday night be removed from the city, was received by President Roosevelt to-day. The President at once referred the dispatch to the War Department, with a request that an immediate report upon the matter be made to him.

No action upon the committee's request will be taken up by the President pending receipt of the report from the War Department.

Hope for Peace Now.

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, August 17.—In response to President Roosevelt's request for information concerning the situation at Brownsville, Texas, making Secretary of War Woodrow Wilson, the report received from Major Penland and also informed the President that the commanding general of the Department of Texas has been requested to furnish as soon as possible detailed information of the investigation being made by the military authorities. It was not believed at the department that there will be any further clash between the citizens and the soldiery, and the hope is expressed that the excitement which prevailed will subside when it is known that the government intends to ascertain all the facts and will punish any of the soldiers implicated in unlawful acts. It is stated that the troops will not be allowed outside of the post for the present, and that strict discipline will be maintained.

## TERRIFIC ELECTRIC STORM AT SALISBURY

Residence Struck and Family Shook—Street Cars Stopped.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
SALISBURY, N. C., August 17.—A terrific electric storm struck Salisbury last night, and the downpour of rain approached a cloudburst. Lightning struck the residence of J. A. Mahley, in this city, setting it on fire, and the family was severely shocked, as were also neighbors in the vicinity.

The fire department responded promptly, and the dwelling was saved from destruction. In another part of the city the Bradshaw house was likewise struck by lightning, and Mrs. Bradshaw seriously injured by the bolt. The building was considerably damaged. Another bolt struck the power plant of the Salisbury and Spencer Street Railway Company, burning out the machinery by which the cars are operated, and it will be two days before the cars can run.

DR. WYNN, WIDELY-KNOWN METHODIST, IS DEAD

(By Associated Press.)

COLUMBUS, GA., August 17.—Rev. A. M. Wynn, D. D., one of the "grand old men" of the Southern Methodist Episcopal Church, died to-day at an advanced age. Dr. Wynn joined the Georgia Methodist Conference at Marietta in January 1859. His last charge was at Sandersville in 1900. He was one of the first missionaries sent by the Southern Methodist Church to the California gold fields in 1850, and spent several years there. Dr. Wynn filled numerous charges in the South Georgia Conference, and was pastor of St. Luke and St. Paul Churches in this city.

## ROANOKE RIVER IS VERY HIGH

Seaboard Tracks Washed Out and All Trains Are Delayed.

## TEN FEET DEEP IN ROADWAY

Guests Conveyed to Birthday Dinner Over Highway in Boats.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

WELDON, N. C., August 17.—The heaviest rains ever known in Northampton county fell at Gumberry last evening. The entire place was flooded and the tracks of the Seaboard Air Line were washed out and all trains were delayed.

Tremendous rains also fell here. Roanoke River is about thirty feet above gauge this morning and rising rapidly. People who attended Dr. J. E. Green's birthday dinner, given by Mr. A. E. Wilther, manager of the Muck Island farm, had to be carried a portion of the way in boats, the water being ten feet in places over the roadway.

It is feared crops will be greatly damaged in the low lands.

The Masons of the Fourth District, which includes lodges of Halifax, Northampton and Warren, had a splendid banquet at the Atlantic Coast Line Hotel last night. Mr. R. T. Daniel, past master of the Weldon Lodge, was toastmaster, the toasts being in pure water, of course, and he made a splendid speech at the beginning of the ceremonies, which was highly complimented. The banquet was a splendid affair and the menu was all that could be desired.

## RAILWAY CLERKS.

Will Hold Quarterly Meeting at Wilmington.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
WILMINGTON, N. C., August 17.—On this city Sunday, an important meeting of the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks will be held, being known as the quarterly session of the South Atlantic Division Committee, and about fifteen lodges will be represented. It is expected that at least ten delegates will be present from each lodge, these lodges being located at Richmond and Newport News, Va.; Charleston, Florence, Sumter and Columbia, S. C.; Savannah, Thomasville, Milledgeville, Waynesboro, Athens and Bainbridge, Ga., and Salisbury, Rocky Mount and Wilmington, N. C.

At 9 o'clock Sunday morning a secret session will be held, from 10 to 11 o'clock an open meeting will take place, and to which is invited every clerk employed by any transportation company with six months' or more experience. A prominent speaker will address the body.

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